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The Forks Market Kicks Off Spring Break With April Foolish Fun Photo Opportunity: Sunday, March 30, 2008 *Festival Runs Saturday March 29 to Saturday April 5*

The Forks Market, Winnipeg – An odd assortment of characters are beginning to assemble their props at The Forks Market: rabbits, stilts, face paint, balloons, bowling pins, red noses and aerial hoops. This year, there's something foolish about the whole thing.

They are getting ready to get up-in-the-air silly, magical and downright ridiculous this weekend at April Foolish Fun: The 8th Annual Festival of Fools at The Forks Market. The entirely FREE Festival runs from **Saturday, March 29 to Saturday, April 5** and features performances by magicians, clowns, jugglers, comedians and high strung aerial acts.

"This year is a high flying magical ride for kids of all ages," says Neal Rempel, Event Producer and Executive Producer of Winnipeg International Children's Festival. "We have two straight days of aerial stuff and a full-on magic area, plus the serious silliness we usually jam pack into the spring break week."

The whole thing officially kicks off on **Sunday, March 30**, when the Festival of Fools shows off with a preview of the 26th Anniversary of the Winnipeg International Children's Festival on The Forks Market Mainstage.

- **11:00 am Tesseract** – from Vancouver, former Cirque de Soleil acrobats and festival faves!
- **12:00pm High Strung Aerial Dance** – from Toronto – aerial artistes suspended from the market roof – definitely not to be missed!
- **1:00pm The Chairmen**– Rush seating!
- **2:15 pm Fred Penner** – Special Kidsfest preview

"Kids won't be able to resist the insane amount of clowning and people swinging from the ceiling," says Randy Cameron, General Manager of The Forks Market. "Add in some face painting, a few balloons and a whole lot of magic and you have the perfect spring break boredom breaker."

All performances throughout the week begin at noon daily, with three main entertainment venues within The Forks Market: Forks Market Circus Circle, Magic in the Market Stage and The Forks Market Main Stage. Select days feature workshops beginning at 11:30 am.

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